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1. SUMMARY: GOVT. OF GHANA AT HIGHEST LEVEL (PRESS SECRETARY OF NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL) ISSUED EIGHT-PAGE STATEMENT FEB 19 DENYING ANY CONNECTION WITH BLAY-MIEZAH, MAKING IT QUITE CLEAR THAT GOG AWARE HE HAS NO FUNDS IN BRUSSELS AND STATING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED "TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION." STATEMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ASSERT FIRMLY THAT BLAY-MIEZAH HAS NO FUNDS ANYWHERE AND LEAVES THIS QUESTION PARTIALLY OPEN, ALTHOUGH INFERENCE IS CLEAR THAT GOG BELIEVES HIS COFFERS ARE AS EMPTY ELSEWHERE AS THEY ARE IN BRUSSELS. GHANAIAI TIMES IN FEB 20 EDITORIAL PULLS IN ITS HORNS AND EATS SOME CROW. LIKE TIMES, GRAPHIC FRONT-PAGED STORY, BUT DID NOT COMMENT EDITORIALY. END SUMMARY.

2. STATEMENT BY NRC SELECTIVELY DETAILS EVENTS IN BLAY-MIEZAH AFFAIR CONCENTRATING ON MEETINGS BETWEEN BLAY-MIEZAH AND HIS HENCHMEN ON ONE HAND AND COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING
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FELLI AND OTHER GOG OFFICIALS ON OTHER HAND. COPY ENTIRE

STATEMENT BEING POUCHED AF/W FOR BISHOP AND TO INFO ADDRESSEES
AND WILL NOT BE DETAILED HERE.

3. UPSHOT IS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN FELLI AND OTHERS FOR GOG
AND BLAY-MIEZAH, NEWMAN, EDUSEL AND OTHERS FOR OMAN GHANA TRUST
ON FEB 3. (EARLIER BLAY-MIEZAH WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN SOURCE
OF FUNDS AND ASKED "PEOPLE OF GHANA TO ACCEPT HIS WORDS ON
TRUST.") AT THIS MEETING NEWMAN (WHO DISCLAIMED PREVIOUSLY
ASSERTED PRESIDENCY OF GEOFFREY'S BANK) TOLD FELLI HE WAS
CONVINCED BLAY-MIEZAH HAD FUNDS IN US AND THAT HE ACCEPTED
AUTHENTICITY OF WILL BEQUEATHING FUNDS TO BLAY-MIEZAH. NEWMAN
ASKED FOR TEN DAYS TO ESTABLISH AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. NEWMAN
LATER ASKED FOR EXTENSION TO FEB 17. PRESS STATEMENT NOTES TO
DATE NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM NEWMAN AND LEAVES
READERS FREE TO CONCLUDE NO RESPONSE IS POSSIBLE, AS
PRESUMABLY MOST WILL DO.

4. GOG STATEMENT CONCLUDED "ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION." THERE IS SO FAR NO
INDICATION WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN, ALTHOUGH VIOLATION OF
STATUTES FORBIDDING PERPETRATION OF FRAUD COULD BE CHARGED.

5. IN SEPARATE STATEMENT FEB 19 TO WESTERN REGION HOUSE OF
CHIEFS, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER KYEREMEH SAID BLAY-MIEZAH HAD
NO "SAVINGS" IN BRUSSELS AND "ANYONE WHO FOLLOWS HIM DOES SO
AT HIS OWN RISK." WESTERN REGIONAL WAS TO HAVE BEEN
BENEFICIARY OF BLAY-MIEZAH'S MILLIONS, AND SEVERAL CHIEFS HAD
LINED UP WITH HIM.

6. GHANAIAI TIMES EDITORIAL SAYS GOG STATEMENT "SHOULD RIGHTLY
RELEGATE THE WHOLE EPISODE OF HIS OMAN GHANA TRUST FUND TO THE
REALM OF MYTHOLOGY." MOST OF REMAINDER IS RATHER CONVOLUTED
ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN AWAY PAPER'S EARLIER JUMPING ON BLAY-MIEZAH'S
BAND WAGON. IT SAID IT ERRORS WERE BASED ON THE LYING OF NEWMAN.
EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH APOLOGY TO BANK OF GHANA OFFICIALS
IMPUGNED BY TIMES IN EARLIER EDITORIAL.

7. IF WE ARE ASKED TO COMMENT, WE PLAN TO REFRAIN FROM DOING
SO ON BASIS CASE IS SUBJUDICE BY VIRTUE OF BEING PLACED IN
HANDS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.
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8. COMMENT: WHILE STATEMENT LEAVES QUESTION OF POSSIBILITY OF
EXISTENCE OF FUNDS OPEN, WE BELIEVE IT HAS GONE LONG WAY TO
ENDING BLAY-MIEZAH CASE HERE. HOPEFULLY, TIMES COMMENT ON
RELEGATION TO REALM OF MYTHOLOGY WILL PROVE CORRECT.
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